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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4540

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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY - FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, SN

SUBJECT: RVN EMBASSY ACCOUNTS JORDAN

REF (A) AMMAN 2975; (B) STATE 102400

1. PER PARA 3 REFTEL B EMBASSY HAS CONSULTED WITH
THE RVN EMBASSY REGARDING RESONABLE DRAWDOWN LIMITS
FOR RVN EMBASSY ACCOUNTS WITH FNCB.

2. FNCB-AMMAN HAS INDICATED EMBASSY OF REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM CURRENT ACCOUNTS CONSIST OF FOLLOWING:
DOLLAR ACCOUNT NO. 1 -DOLLARS 13,832.40; JORDAN DINAR
ACCOUNT NO. 13 - JD 330.935 (1JD IS APPROX. \$3.12)

3. RVN EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING LIST SIGNED
BY AMBASSADOR MY OF FORMER RVN EMBASSY OF LIABILITIES
BELOW AMOUNTING TO \$75,541.00 -- FAR EXCEEDING APPROX.

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\$15,000 IN FNCB-AMMAN ACCOUNT.

4. RVN LIABILITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) I AIR FEES TICKET TO VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL:

1. - 6 EC. AIR TICKETS AMMAN - LOS ANGELES US \$
FOR FIRST SECRETARY AND FAMILY 6,200.00
 2. - 3 EC. AIR TICKETS AMMAN-OTTAWA FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND FAMILY 2,480.00
 3. - 3 EC. AIR TICKETS AMMAN-WELLINGTON FOR FOLATING PERSONNEL
2,955.00
 4. - ALLOCATION FOR SHIPMENT BY SEA OF LUGGAGE FROM AMMAN TO
WELLINGTON APP. 400 X 21 M 8,400.00
- TOTAL: \$20,035.00

(B) II-SEVERANCE PAY:

VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL:(BASE: 1 MTH PR SENIORITY YEAR MAXIMUN 12 MONTHS)

5. - FIRST SECRETARY (19 YRS SENIRORITY 22,500.00
6. - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (8 YEARS SENIORIRTY) 5,700.00
7. - FLOATING PERSONNEL 3 MTHS PAY 1,600.00

JORDANIAN PERSONNEL:

(THREE MONTHS PAY)

8. - TRANSLOATOR JD 240.000
 9. - MESSENGER JD 120.000
 10. - DRIVER JD 150.000
 11. - GARDENER JD 30.000
- JD 540.000 (\$1,731.00)

TOTAL (IN DOLLARS) \$51,466.00

MONTHLY PAY TO EMBASSY STAFF: (AS FROM 1ST MAY 1975)

12. - AMBASSADOR 1,940.00
13. - FIRST SECRETARY 1,875.00
14. - ADMIN. OFFICER 700.00
15. - DRIVER (JD TP.) 160.00
16. - MESSENGER (JD 40.) 128.00
17. - GARDENER (JD 10.) 32.00
- 18 - 3 HOUSE SERVANTS (JD 48-42-70 JD 160.) 513.00

TOTAL: (IN DOLLARS \$56,814.00

(C) 111 - TO BE PAID

SINGLE PAYMENT:

19. - 1 OLYMPIA TYPEWRITER JD 135.000
- 20 - LOAN FROM CITY BANK JD 1,635.000
21. - POUCH TRANSPORTATION APRIL 75. JD 292.500

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TOTAL JD 2,062.500 IN DOLLARS \$6.611.00

YEARLY PAYMENTS:

22. - AMB. RESIDENCE RENT (DUE ON 8 JUNE, 1975 JD 2,000.000
 23. - CHANCERY RENT (DUE ON 1 JULY 1975) JD 1,500.000
- TOTAL JD 3,500.000 IN DOLLARS: \$ 11,218.00
- MONTHLY PAYMENT (APPROX.)
24. - NEWSP. AD REVIEWS JD 20.000
 - 25 - TELEGR. FEES (FR 1-1-75) JD 10.000

26. - TELEX FEES (FR. 1-10-74) JD 160.000
27. - TELEPHONE (1-1-75) 20.000
28. - ELECT. (FR. 1-4-75) JD 20.000
29. - WATER (FR. 1-7-74) JD 14.000
30. - DIESEL OIL (1000/1MTH) JD 13.500
31. - BENZINE FOR CAR (500L/MTH) JD 17.500
32. - GAS (10BTTLES/MTH) JD 5.000
TOTAL: JD 280.000 IN DOLLARS 898.00
GRAND TOTAL: IN DOLLARS \$ 75,541.00
CERTIFIED CORRECT
AND APPROVED: AMMAN, 1ST MAY 1975
THE AMBASSADOR OF THE ACCOUNTING MANAGER,
FORMER REPUBLIC OF /S/ TRAN DONG TU
VIETNAM,
/S/ NGHIEM -MY

5. EMBASSY HAS NO BASIS FOR QUESTIONING PROCEDURES USED
FOR DETERMINING EXACT COSTS IN ABOVE LISTS. THE LOCAL
COSTS (ITEMS 8-11, 15-18 AND 19-32 APPEAR REASONABLE. WE HAVE ALSO
VERIFIED LOAN FROM FNCB (ITEM 20).
AS FOR AIR FEES (ITEMS 1-4) THEY PERTAIN TO TRAVEL FOR
AMBASSADOR (TO WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND); FIRST SECRETARY
(TO LOS ANGELES) AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (TO OTTAWA)
TO COUNTRIES WHERE WE KNOW RVN PERSONNEL HAVE
FAMILIES OR ARE MAKING REQUESTS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.
REGARDING APPROPRIATIONS OF RVN SALARIES AND SEVERANCE
PAY, DEPARTMENT IS IN BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE THAN
EMBASSY. HOWEVER, YEARS OF SERVICE OF FIRST
SECRETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (ITEMS 5 AND 6)
APPEAR AUTHENTIC.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4541

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 AMMAN 3021

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6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT TREASURY RELEASE
UNBLOCKED AMOUNT IN ACCOUNTS LISTED IN PARA 2
ABOVE ON FOLLOWING GROUNDS:
(A) ALTHOUGH OUTSTANDING CURRENT DEBTS
(ITEMS 8-11? 15-17; 19-21; 24-32 ONLY AMOUNT TO
AROUND \$9,567, OTHER ITEMS (AIR TICKETS AND SEVERANCE
PAY) ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO EITHER LEGITIMATE
SEVERANCE PAY OR TO COSTS OF RESETTLEMENT PRUSUANT
TO POLITICAL REFUGEE STATUS. ONCE ABOVE LOCAL COSTS
ARE PAID, ONLY ABOUT \$5,000 REMAINS TO COVER THE
\$65,000 CLAIMED IN THESE CATEGORIES. IN POINT OF FACT
THESE FUNDS WILL PROBABLY BE USED TO PROVIDE AIR TRAVEL AND/OR
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SOME SUBSISTENCE TO RVN EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES WHO ARE NOW
WITHOUT PROSPECT OF FUTURE FUNDS AND ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
DESTITUTE.

(B) THE GOJ FONMIN HAS INDEPENDENTLY REQUESTED THAT THE
RVN FREEZE ITS FNCB ACCOUNT, PENDING INVESTIGATION OF
RVN ASSETS AND RVN EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO DO SO. EMBASSY
DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT MEASURES FONMIN WISHES TO TAKE
VIS A VIS ACCOUNT, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID A
JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE WITH FOJ OVER FNCB ACCOUNT
AND WE BELIEVE OUR UNBLOCKING OF ENTIRE ACCOUNT, WHILE
WE THINK JUSTIFIABLE ON OTHER GROUNDS, WOULD SERVE
THIS GOAL.

(C) FORMER RVN AMBASSADOR AND FIRST SECRETARY
DESIRE TO LEAVE JORDAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; FOR NEW
ZEALAND AND FRANCE RESPECTIVELY. LATTER'S FAMILY IS IN FRANCE.
THEY FEAR THAT UNDUE DELAY IN UNBLOCKING ACCOUNT MIGHT BLOCK
THEIR INTENTIONS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THOSE COUNTRIES

FOR POSSIBLE POLITICAL ASYLUM PRUPOSES. OTHERWISE THEY MAY
SEEK ASYLUM IN THE U.S., WHICH WOULD SUBVERT OUR
(AND GOJ) EFFORTS THUS FAR TO ENCOURAGE THEIR
PURSUING THESE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW RVN EMPLOYEES DESIRE TO
DEPART JORDAN ASAP, REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS TREASURY
CONSIDERATION AND REPLY TO OUR RECOMMENDATION TO
UNBLOCK ALL FUNDS IN ACCOUNTS LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE.
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